



### Newsletter July 2008

#### Commandant's Corner

Wow time really fly's when you're having fun, it's hard to believe we already into July/August time. We have enjoyed a lot of blessings so far this year, sick members getting better, operations that were successful, and our membership growing. All this is due to each and every member of the Detachment and your dedication to God, Country, Corps, and Yourself. Let's not rest on our laurels, we must continue to march forward to reach our ultimate goals.

Some of our goals for the rest of this year are:

- Continue to grow membership
- Successful and rewarding Marine Corps Ball
- Successful Fundraising season
- Professional and personal appearance at requested veterans themed events and programs
- Raised awareness of the Marine Corps League within the community
- Detachment social events with members and family

**If you have anything you would like on the agenda for the August 5th meeting get it to me by noon, August 4th.**

**If you have anything you would like included in the monthly newsletter get it to me by the 15th of the month**

#### Marine Corps League Mission Statement

Members of the Marine Corps League join together in camaraderie and fellowship for the purpose of preserving the traditions and promoting the interests of the United States Marine Corps, banding together those who are now serving in the United States Marine Corps and those who have been honorably discharged from that service that they may effectively promote the ideals of American freedom and democracy, voluntarily aiding and rendering assistance to all Marines and former Marines and to their widows and orphans; and to perpetuate the history of the United States Marine Corps and by fitting acts to observe the anniversaries of historical occasions of particular interest to Marines.

Along with this we should strive each and every day to present ourselves in a manner that will not bring discredit on the Marine Corps, Marine Corps League, the Detachment, it's membership, nor ourselves. Wearing of the Marine Corps, and Marine Corps League uniform is a privilege we each earned that first time we were called Marines. With that privilege comes responsibility in regards to conduct, appearance, and attitude. The Marine Corps League nor it's Detachment's are a unit of one, it's a unit of many and it takes all members working together as professionals to succeed.

#### Detachment / Color Guard Dates

August 18th @ 1530 - VA CBOC

Franklin High School Home Football Games:

Aug. 15th Scrimmage - Sept. 5th, 19th - Oct. 3rd, 24th - Nov. 7th

*(we need more volunteers for the Color/Honor Guard details, especially funeral details. Let me know if you would like to be included on the call roster, everyone is welcome and invited to participate)*

#### VA Veterans Service

We have earned 122 VAVS hours for 2008 as of July 18th. Anytime you participate in any event that serves Veterans up to 3 hours per Detachment member participating can be credited. This includes parades, funeral details, memorials, volunteering at the local hospitals, hospices and nursing homes.

The drawing for Henry Golden Boy Rifle was held on Friday, July 4th and the winner was Tammy Holloway from Lexington, OK. Look for the photo and write up in the local papers soon.

We have purchased the Henry Big Boy .45 Colt Rifle for our next fundraising raffle. The table setup schedule will be announced as we go. So far the following dates have been allocated for Wal-Mart:

July 20th, 26th and August 2nd, 3rd, 9th and 10th

All hands are needed on deck to assist.



#### PRAYER CORNER

Remember those in need

- All those that have gone unmentioned but are still in need of prayer and special thoughts

The challenge coins are in and they are outstanding. You can either call me to schedule a pickup of your order or get them at the next meeting. Remember they are \$5 each. I'm starting a new order for those that didn't get in on the last one or for those who want more.

